(ii) Organising export promotion activities such as buyer-seller meets and participation in International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions.

(iii) Monitoring of pesticide residues and provision of advisory services for control of pesticide use/ residue.

Government Nominees on the Board of Directors of PSUs

6543. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem under the captioned "PSU Boards plagued by Government nominees" appearing in the 'Observer of Business and Politics' New Delhi, dated March 6, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of Public Sector Undertakings which are having more than one Government nominees on the Board of Directors alongwith their names and since when each of them is on the Board of Directors, PSU-wise;

(c) the details of guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises in March, 1992 restricting limit to one nominee and also the recommendations of the Arjun Sen Gupta Committee in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for which these guidelines have not been implemented so far ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The relevant extract of the DPE Office Memorandum dated 16.3.1992 (as amended vide OM dated 13.11.1995) is given in the statement attached. The Arjun Sen Gupta Committee has not made any recommendation in regard to the number of Government Directors to be nominated on the Boards of Directors of Public Enterprises.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Extract from DPE OM No. 18 (6)/91-GM dated 16.3.1992 as amended vide OM dated 13.11.1995.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTORS :

(i) The number of the Government Directors on the Boards of Directors of an enterprise should not exceed one-sixth of the actual strength of the board.

(ii) It will be preferable to have only one Government Director from the concerned Administrative Ministry on each Board. The choice of the nominee Director would vest with the administrative Ministry of the concerned Department.

(iii) In case of PSEs where it is considered essential to give some representation on the Boards to other concerned Government agencies/Ministries State Governments, only one representative from the Group could also be appointed on the Board as Part-time Government Director.

(iv) The number of Government Directors on a Board should in no case exceed two.

Fuel Cell Technology by BHEL

6544. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (Research & Development) achieved a break through in power generation technology by successfully developing "Fuel cell technology" for the first time in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the budget amount released so far to develop the "fuel cell technology" in our country;

(c) whether the fuel cell technology has reached commercialised stage of production of non-conventional energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) had designed, developed, tested and demonstrated an indigenous phosphoric acid fuel cell stack of 1 KW rating in 1991. In 1995 two more stacks of 5 KW and 7.5 KW were demonstrated. The total amount spent till 1996-97 is as under :

Rs./Lakhs

Sl. No.	Fuel Cell Rating	Amount spent/Released BHEL	MNES	Total
1.	1 KW, 5 KW & 7.5 KW	184	69	253
2.	50 KW	44	65	109